1 2	3	4	5	6
15. Maharashtra	45	94	6	145
16. Manipur	2	2	4	8
17. Meghalaya	—	1	—	1
18. Mizoram	—	—	—	—
19. Nagaland	—	1	—	1
20. Orissa	10	4	5	19
21. Punjab	—	2	5	7
22. Rajasthan	5	4	2	11
23. Sikkim	—	—	—	—
24. Tamil Nadu	1	2	0	3
25. Tripura	—	3	—	3
26. Uttar Pradesh	9	1	5	15
27. Uttaranchal	3	-	—	3
28. West Bengal	3	17	6	26
TOTAL in India	159	242	89	490

Surface Water Blancing

4168. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the "UN fresh water year" an expert scientists group has commissioned a feasibility study on "framework concept for surface water balancing in India", with special emphasis on drought prone areas like that of Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(a) if so, whether Government have also undertaken a similar study for surface and underground water balance with emphasis on drought prone areas, during the "UN fresh water year"; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) the steps taken and being taken to coordinate Government effort with such expert groups or to support and supplement their effort?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Commissioning of feasibility study by an expert scientists group on "framework concept for surface water balancing in India" with special emphasis on drought prone areas like that of Gujarat and Rajasthan has not been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(b) Under the freshwater year being observed in India, the focus is on creating mass awareness about the scarcity value of freshwater, its conservation

and efficient use, freshwater preservation-quality and its ecosystem, augmentation of freshwater resources and community partnership for informed decision making. Such studies have not been undertaken by the Government under the Fresh Water Year programme.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds allocated to J&K for Irrigation Projects

4169. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(c) whether Government have released any amount to the States for projects which improve utilization of irrigation facilities;

(b) if so, the total amount released; and

(c) how much fund has been allotted to Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CH AKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission has released an amount of Rs. 54 crore as Additional Central Assistance to the Government of Bihar during the last three years to improve utilization of irrigation facilities. The Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance under accelerated I ligation Benefits Programme for completion of such approved ongoing major/medium irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage of completion and an amount of Rs. 11541.7 crore has been provided to the States since inception of the programme in 1996-97 upto 31 st March, 2003. Under the centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programme with the objective of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and that utilized through efficient utilization of created irrigation potential and optimizing agricultural production/productivity from irrigated lands on sustainable basis, Central assistance of Rs. 2601.24 crore has been released to the States under the programme since inception in 1974 upto March, 2003.

(c) The Central Government has not released any Additional Central Assistance to Jammu & Kashmir for projects to improve utilization of irrigation facilities. Under AIBP an amount of Rs. 62.509 crore has been provided as Central Loan Assistance to Jammu & Kashmir from 1996-97 upto March, 2003. Under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme an amount of Rs. 32.34 crore has been provided to Jammu and Kashmir from 1974 upto March, 2003.

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